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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORDON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & CO., 150 & 152, Leadenhall Street. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street. SYDNEY.—TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO.—American Foreign generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco. HONGKONG.—QUEEN & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO., Fookshoo, HEDER & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WATSON, Manila, C. REISNER & CO., Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BELLION, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDER, Esq. J. CORDEZ, Esq. S. W. FOMEROV, Esq. HOFFMANN, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. MOLYAR, Esq.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance. Fixed Deposits:—

3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. 6 " " 4 " " " 12 " " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Bills granted on approved Securities, every description of Banking and exchange business transacted. Bills granted on London, and the Commercial places in Europe, India, China, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Acting Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. T. KOEFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876. sp28

AFONG,

PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG; and to L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Madam Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB, has on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of all sizes, Photographs enlarged from 2 1/2 to 10 to 12 inches and coloured in a new apparatus for Photography has been received from England; he is prepared to take Photos of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance. Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

THE CONSUL FOR FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul, G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul. Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend of \$2.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS held on the 10th Proximo, is payable at the HONGKONG SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or after the 10th Proximo. Shareholders requested to present the Secretary's Certificate for Warrants.

Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HATSON, Esq. Secretary. Hongkong, July 26, 1876.

Intimations.

HONGKONG. CHS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876. jt

SHIP'S COMPANION AND STEVEDORE,

No. 37, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS,

CORNER OF WYNDHAM AND WELLINGTON STREETS, AND NEARLY OPPOSITE THE GERMAN CLUB.

INTENDING Sitters who would prefer to avail themselves of Mr. EVERITT'S services before he leaves the Colony, are respectfully informed that his engagement with us expires shortly. HONGKONG PHOTO. COMPANY. Hongkong, December 30, 1876. ja8

P. F. DA SILVA,

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT, TAKAO AND TAIWANPOO. [te22

Now Ready.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

VOL. V., No. 2.

Annual Subscription, postage included, \$6.50.

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China Mail Office, Hongkong, November 13, 1876.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 30th Instant till the 3rd Proximo, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 4, 1876. ja4

NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS, Surgeon-Dentist, has RETURNED to Hongkong, and may be Consulted at No. 7, Arbuthnot Road. Hongkong, November 18, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco and Australia.

For terms, &c., address—

Ms CHUN AYIN, Manager.

China Mail Office, 17th February, 1874.

Intimations.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

PATENT SLIP & DOCK Co.

MR. ROBERT COOKE has taken charge of and Management of the above-named Premises at Lap-Sap-Wan, and will attend to all Orders or Communications referring to the REPAIRS of SHIPS and STEAMERS and Sign Estimates or Contracts for the same.

G. U. SANDS, Proprietor.

Office, 32, Praya West. Hongkong, September 29, 1876.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS, Essen (Germany).

Sole Agent for China, F. FRIL, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOGNE (Germany).

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Esplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$50,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary. Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms can be made.

Efforts have been made to establish Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Saigon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Philippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agents is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

CHUN AYIN, Manager. Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Wharf, on SATURDAY, the 6th January, 1877, at Noon, Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.

ONE STEAM LAUNCH, belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. SAMUEL EASTON.

BUILT OF IRON, FOUR YEARS Old.—37 feet Long, 7 feet Beam, 4 feet Deep, with Awning, &c.; Engine, 10 inch Stroke, 1 inch Diameter; Boiler, 10 inch Stroke, 2 feet 10 inch Diameter; Feed Pump, Water Tank.

The Launch may be inspected by intending purchasers where it now lies, at CAUSEWAY BAY, East Point.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer. The Vessels to be at the purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, December 14, 1876. ja8

For Sale.

SAYLE & Co. TOYS! TOYS!

OUR SEASON'S TOYS HAVE ARRIVED, THE BEST ASSORTMENT EVER SHOWN IN THE EAST.

WINTER SEASON. Our STOCK in every Department is well Assorted.

In the Dress Department will be found Every New MATERIAL Suitable for Winter Wear.

Made-up Costumes in a variety of New Materials. The latest London and Paris Styles.

DRESSING GOWNS, MORNING WRAPPERS, SILKS, SILKS.

This Department Deserves Special Note, Although Prices have advanced about 80 per cent. in the Home Markets, we continue to Sell at Old Prices.

Rich Black and Coloured SILKS Warranted to Wear Well.

A Wonderfully Good Black SILK at 85 cts. per Yard.

Rich Black and Coloured SATINS, Japanese SILKS, The Yedo and Mikado Silks.

Black and Coloured SILK VELVETS and VELVETINGS.

WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS.

Trimmed HATS and BONNETS, the latest Paris Styles.

Untrimmed Felt HATS and BONNETS, RIBBONS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, LACES.

KID GLOVES, 1, 2, and 4 Buttons. Ladies' and Children's UNDER-CLOTHING, Baby LINEN.

White and Coloured FLANNELS, CALICOES, LONG-CLOTHS.

BOOTS and SHOES, MILLINERY and DRESSMAKING.

TOYS, TOYS.

SAYLE & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

JUST RECEIVED, A consignment of the Celebrated Toilet Requisites "AMYCOS."

It is an Excellent COSMETIC. As a HAIR RESTORER it is unrivalled.

As a MOUTH WASH it is very agreeable, making the breath fragrant, and Preserving and Whitening the TEETH.

It Removes PIMPLES or Eruptions of the skin.

And is a Powerful Disinfectant.

Sole Agent, W. BALL, China Dispensary, Hongkong. Hongkong, December 12, 1876. ja12

NOW READY.

"THE FOLK-LORE OF CHINA," AND ITS AFFINITIES WITH THAT OF THE ARYAN AND SEMITIC RACES.

By N. B. DENNY, F.R.S.

"Instructional and amusing enough to command a ready sale."—Daily Press.

For Sale by Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.; LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.; FALCONER & Co.; MOORE, FRICKEL & Co.; GAUPP & Co.; and KAYE & Co.

Or can be had of the Author, at the CITY HALL, Hongkong.

London, . . . TAYLOR & Co. Shanghai, . . . Messrs KELLY & WALSH.

Price:—Half Bound Roan, \$2.00 Paper Covers, \$1.50 Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

NOW READY.

CHUNG-SHUI, OF THE RUPTURES OF A NATURAL SOUTHERN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. ELLIOT. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.00.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR BELIEFS, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. ELLIOT. Second Edition. One Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, July 31, 1876.

SAM HING STULTZ'S

Christy's HATS, in new Styles. New TWEEDS, in great variety.

Woolen, Cotton, and Cashmere SOCKS. Cricket & Knickerbocker STOUTING; Lambwool UNDER-SHIRTS and DRAWERS. BLANKETS and RUGS.

Tapestry CARPETS, in new Patterns. Embroidered TABLE COVERS.

Rep Window CURTAINS. Damask TABLE CLOTHS, and NAPKINS. FURNITURE OILS.

Kid & Woolen GLOVES, in all Colours. 88 & 90, QUEEN'S ROAD. Hongkong, October 27, 1876. ja27

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) ASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

For Sale.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co. Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS. Apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. M. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, JUNR., is authorized to sign our Firm. W. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, December 23, 1876. ja1

NOTICE. THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYDS REGISTER at this Port. R. H. CAIRNS, Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. ON and after the 18th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling off SOMERSET, COOKTOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOWEN and KEPPEL BAY, to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN,"

Captain MILLER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1877, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, December 21, 1876. ja3

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA,"

Capt. THEBAUD, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent. Hongkong, December 29, 1876. ja3

FOR LONDON.

The Steamship "GLENFINLAS,"

Captain WILCOX, due from Shanghai and Foochow on or about the 6th Proximo, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 26, 1876.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "HANTS COUNTY,"

will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 30, 1876.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Bark "CUBA,"

STABELL, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load Tea and General Cargo here and (or) at Whampoa.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, November 28, 1876.

FOR LONDON.

The A 1 British Brig "ROWENA,"

BOWDEN, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 30, 1876.

FOR DUNEDIN.

The Bark "GLOUCESTER,"

Captain VINCENT, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have a quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 5, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The Bark "KATE WATERS,"

Capt. GIBSE, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co. Hongkong, November 9, 1876.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 Danish Bark "FANO,"

Captain NORBY, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 2, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 British Bark "HARRISON,"

Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 25, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "MADAME DEMOREST,"

will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 15, 1876.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. MEIKONG.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. "Euphrate," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 6th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, December 29, 1876. ja6

S. S. ESMERALDA, FROM MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored by the Undersigned in their Godown at their risk.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW.
The Steamship
"ATLANTA,"
PRESIDENT, Master, will be
despatched for the above Port
on the 3rd Instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja3

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"YESSO,"
Captain PUNCHARD, will be
despatched for the above Ports
on THURSDAY, the 4th Instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja4

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship
"SALVADORA,"
will be despatched for the
above Port on the 5th Inst.,
at 2 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BRANDAO & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja5

FOR SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK.
The British Steamer
"PENEDQ,"
Captain JOHN GAIN, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports on
MONDAY Next, the 8th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AH YON,
Praya West, No. 67.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja6

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamer
"GORDON CASTLE"
will have immediate despatch
for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish Steamer
"LEYTE,"
will have immediate des-
patch.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"NAMO,"
Capt. WESTON, will have
immediate despatch for the
above Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A. 1 American Ship
"OUTWATER,"
CREELMAN, Master, will load
here and will have quick des-
patch as above.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

FOR LONDON.
The A. 1 British Ship
"ENGLAND'S GLORY,"
KRIEGER, Commander, will load
here and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

CONSIGNEES of B in diamond, 1,068
packages Sugar, and of other Cargo
on above Steamer, are requested to take
immediate delivery. Cargo impeding the
discharge of the vessel will be landed by
the Undersigned at Consignees' risk and
expense.
A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE.
THE BRITISH BARQUE UNANIMA,
FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading to the Under-
signed for countersignature, and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.
MEYER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja9

GERMAN STEAMER ALTONA.
MULLER, Master, FROM LONDON
via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed and stored
at their risk in the Godowns of the
Undersigned, from whence delivery may be
obtained.
Consignees wishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 8th
December will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary is given until 9 o'clock
this afternoon.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja8

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
GORDON CASTLE,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed, at their risk,
into the Godowns of Mr. A. MACG. HEATON,
whence delivery may be obtained.
Consignees wishing to receive their
Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before Noon To-day.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods
remaining after the 4th Instant will be
subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja9

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. KHIVA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named Vessel, from Bombay and In-
termediate Ports, and in connection with
the SIAM and KHEDEVE, from London,
are hereby notified that their Goods are
being landed and stored at their risk in
the Company's Godowns, at West Point,
whence delivery can be obtained from this
date.
Goods not delivered by the 9th Instant
will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the
following Steamer, unless notice to the
contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.
A. MACG. HEATON,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja9

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned
will henceforth be carried on under
the Name or Style of H. KLER & Co.
H. KLER.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

MR. LUDWIG SIGMUND LUTZENS
is authorized to sign our Firm per
Procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
CHARLES BROWNE QUELCH in our
Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876.
The Business will be Continued under
the Style of QUELCH & Co.
QUELCH & CAMPBELL.
Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FERES
will from this Date be carried on as
heretofore under the Style of
J. D. MEYER & Co.
Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

MR. H. C. ERDMANN has been admitted
a Partner in our Firm, and Mr.
ALFRED HERTZ has been authorized to
sign for us per Procuration.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
late MR. ALFRED HERTZ in our
Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE Interest and Responsibility in our
Firm of the late Mr. J. O. KRUSE
ceased with his death at Yokohama on
27th of August last, and the Business will
be carried on as heretofore and under the
same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KRIE-
GERMAN.
Mr. RICHARD SCHNEIDER has been
authorized to sign the Firm.
KRUSE & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE Partnership hitherto existing be-
tween the Undersigned under the
Firm of
G. RAYNAL & Co.
at this Port, has this day been dissolved
by mutual consent.
GUSTAV RAYNAL,
CARL MILLISCH.
Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-
GRAPH COMPANY.

HAVING returned to Hongkong, I have
taken over the Management of the
above Company's Station from this Date.
A. S. STENSON, Agent.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ja9

NOTICE.
The Partnership hitherto existing be-
tween the Undersigned under the
name of MEYER & HULZ has this day
been dissolved by lapse of time, and the
signature of the Firm will henceforth be
used for the Liquidation only.
O. J. MEYER,
W. HULSE.
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

NOTICE.
MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been com-
pelled to retire from our Firm in
consequence of failing health, and his in-
terest and responsibility ceased on the 31st
December last.
Mr. NICOLAUS AUGUST STRES has been
authorized to sign for us by Procuration.
We have this day reopened a branch of
our Firm at Canton.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.
THE CONCERT advertised for Thurs-
day, 4th Instant, is unavoidably
Postponed till further notice.
The usual weekly Meeting for practice
will take place on THURSDAY Next, at
4 past 8 o'clock p.m.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Twenty-first Ordinary Half-yearly
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the OFFICE HALL,
Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the
23rd January instant, at 2 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a
Report of the Directors, together with a
Statement of the Accounts, and electing
Auditors.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja25

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.
THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to
the 25th Instant, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja25

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
JAPANESE WARE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, in their Sale Room,
ON
THURSDAY,
the 4th January, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—
A Choice Collection of JAPANESE
CURIOS, Kaga & Kioto Ware, Bronzes,
Fins Red Lacquered Ware, Tortoise-
shell Ware, Toilet Sets,
&c., &c., &c.
A Fine Inlaid Cloisonné Brass Drum
and Stand.
Catalogues will be issued, and the
Goods will be on view on Wednesday,
the 3rd January.
TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.
All lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall
of the hammer.
Hongkong, January 2, 1877. ja4

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
Dec. 31, Yesso, British steamer, 559,
S. Ashton, Fochow Dec. 27, Amoy 28,
and Swatow 29. Tea and Treasure.
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.
Dec. 31, Leonor, British steamer, 408, J.
E. Funchard, Taiwan Dec. 22, Tamsui
28, and Amoy 29. General.—DOUGLAS
LARPAK & Co.
Dec. 31, Emerald, British steamer, 335,
E. Theobald, Amoy Dec. 30, General.—A.
MACG. HEATON.
Dec. 31, Pened, British steamer, 652,
Cain, Saigon Dec. 24, Lilo and General.—
MEYER & Co.
Dec. 31, Diomed, British steamer, 1241,
Jackson, Liverpool Nov. 4, via Ports of
call, and Singapore Dec. 20, General.—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 31, Unanima, British barque,
740, Cain, Antwerp August 9, General.—
MEYER & Co.
Jan. 1, Kashgar, British steamer, 2809,
E. J. Baker, Shanghai Dec. 29, General.—
P. & O. S. N. Co.
Jan. 1, Gordon Castle, British steamer,
1326, Jones, London Nov. 9, via ports of
call, and Singapore Dec. 23, General.—
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Jan. 1, Ningpo, British steamer, 761,
E. Case, Shanghai Dec. 29, General.—
SIEMSEN & Co.
Jan. 1, Tio, Portuguese gunboat, from
Macao.
Jan. 1, Stryling, British 3-m. schooner,
242, Partridge, Haiphong Dec. 13, General.—
HMS CHUBB CHURCH.
Jan. 1, Leyte, Spanish steamer, 217,
Juan B. de Echazaire, Manila Dec. 29,
Hemp and Coffee.—A. MACG. HEATON.
Jan. 2, Salvador, Spanish steamer, 618,
D. Hornachos, Manila Dec. 30, General.—
BRANDAO & Co.
Jan. 2, Altona, German steamer, 1178,
A. Müller, London Nov. 5, via ports of
call, and Singapore Dec. 22, General.—
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Jan. 2, Jylland, Danish brig, 267, Laub,
Koolung Dec. 30, Coal.—EDWARD SCHNEI-
DER & Co.
Jan. 2, Khiva, British steamer, 1606,
George Lee, Bombay Dec. 12, Galle 18,
Penang 23, and Singapore 25, Mails and
General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.
Dec. 31, Hailong, for Swatow.
31, Fungshun, for Shanghai.
31, Mekong, for Shanghai.
Jan. 1, Ningpo, for Canton.
1, Cheong, Hoek Kian, for Swatow
and Amoy.
2, Tio, Portuguese gunboat, for
Macao.
2, Leonor, for Amoy, Tamsui, &c.
2, Diomed, for Shanghai.
2, Belgic, for Yokohama and San
Francisco.
Japan, for Guam.
Yesso, for Swatow, &c.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Khiva, for Hongkong, from Bom-
bay, Mr. Preston Jones S. Labeco, from Aden,
2 Chinese, from Penang, 2 Chinese, from
Singapore, Messrs A. Stewart, G. P. Tolson,
The Honble. Mr. and Mrs. Philippo and
native servant, and 5 Chinese. For Yoko-
hama, from Southampton, Mr. Whitfield.
For Shanghai, from Southampton, Mr.
Gardner.
Per Yesso, from Coast Ports, Messrs
Gibb, Flemming, Brown, and Fabris, and
100 Chinese.
Per Leonor, from Amoy, &c., Mr. Mar-
shall, 1 European deck, and 23 Chinese.
Per Diomed, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler and
children, Amoy, Miss Travers, for Har-
kow, and 2 Chinese.
Per Kashgar, from Shanghai, Messrs
Hägel, F. V. Fossé, and servants, J.
Yeaman, A. W. B. Mortimore, A. W. and
23 Chinese.
Per Gordon Castle, from London, Master
Tomlin, from Singapore, 182 Chinese.
Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, Messrs
Blanchard and Campbell, 1 European deck
and 69 Chinese.
Per Emerald, from Amoy, 266 Chinese.
Per Pened, from Saigon, 35 Chinese.
Per Salvador, from Manila, 101 Chinese.
Per Altona, from Straits, 23 Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Mekong, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs.
W. Carter, Messrs Westering and Hardy,
one Chinese woman and child, Mr. and Mrs.
Forbes, 3 children and servant, Mr. and
Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dufferin, Messrs Drago,
MacKenzie, Grant, and Gable.
Per Belgic, for San Francisco, Mr. C. J.
Gardner, one European and 95 Chinese.
Per Leonor, for Amoy, &c., 2 Europeans
and 101 Chinese.
Per Fungshun, for Shanghai, 3 Cabin
and 20 Chinese.
Per Cheong Hoek Kian, for Swatow and
Amoy, 450 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer Yesso reports: Foo-
chow to Amoy fine weather with fresh mon-
soon and high sea. Amoy to arrival fine
weather with light variable airs. Steamers
in Amoy: Zambonga, Sukin, and Ho-
ching. Steamers in Swatow: Montgomery,
Shira, and Madagascar.

The British steamer Leonor reports: From
Taiwan to Tamsui had strong
monsoon and high sea. From Tamsui to
Hongkong had moderately fresh monsoon
and fine weather. In Amoy: Steamers
Emerald, Swatow, Zambonga, Hoching,
and Yungching.

The British steamer Emerald reports: Fine
weather throughout.
The British steamer Pened reports: Fresh
monsoon and heavy sea the whole
of the passage.

The British steamer Diomed reports: Fresh
monsoon after leaving Singapore
until reaching 15 N., thence to port moder-
ate winds and fine weather.
The British barque Unanima reports: Had
heavy weather off Cape of Good Hope
when had skylights stove in and cabin
filled with water; up the China Sea strong
N.E. winds.

The British steamer Kashgar reports: Fine
weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer Gordon Castle re-
ports: Heavy N.E. wind up China Sea;
Dec. 28th, passed a British gunboat steering
S.W., but could not make out her signals.
The Spanish steamer Salvador reports: Fresh
N.E. winds throughout.

The German steamer Altona reports: From
Singapore experienced strong N.E.
winds and heavy head sea.
The Danish brig Jylland reports: Fresh
North-easterly winds throughout.

The British steamer Khiva reports: Very
strong N.E. winds and heavy head
sea. Passed a British gunboat bound to
Singapore supposed to be the Ringdove,
and wished to be reported. Flying Squa-
dron at Singapore.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.
MAILS will close:—
For MANILA, at 11.30 a.m. To-
morrow, the 3rd inst.
For YOKOHAMA, at 8.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 3rd inst.
For SWATOW, at 4.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 3rd inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 3rd inst.
For SHANGHAI, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 3rd inst. Late letters received from 6.10 to 6.30.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKER.
The Australian Contract Packet BOWEN
will be despatched from Hongkong
on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January,
with Mails for Singapore, Somerset,
Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-
mania, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet KASHGAR,
will be despatched with the Mails
for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 4th January.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet SINDH,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 11th January, 1877, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alex-
andria.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW
Shipping.
Notice of optional cargo per Khiva
to be given before Noon.
Noon.—Emerald leaves for Manila.
Noon.—Bowen leaves for Singapore,
Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
5 p.m.—Atalanta leaves for Swatow.

THE
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Established A.D. 1841.
香港大藥房
A. S. WATSON & Co.
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
IMPORTERS
OF
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, NURSERY REQUI-
SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,
AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT
MEDICINES.
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,
Glaxo, Potash Water, Sarsaparilla
Water, and other Aromatic Waters.
The Dispensary is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

THE CHINA MAIL.
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 1877.

This year that has just closed may be
considered an exceptionally eventful one
in regard to affairs in the Far East.
Among the more important events there
must be placed the signing of the Chefoo
Convention, the opening of the first
railway in China, the settlement of the
Anna affair, some apparently successful
operations of the Chinese army in the
North-west, the "paper men" excite-
ment, the persecution and murder of
native Christians, and the death of the
Grand Secretary Wenhsang. As to the
state of trade during the period, we are
sorry to have to note that the depression
has continued. That trade, however, has
shown no signs of revival during the
twelve months is, no doubt, owing in a
great measure to the unsettled state of
affairs consequent on the Yunnan out-
break, and the subsequent negotiations,
and, what perhaps is a more important
cause, the suffering and distress in the
country. It is to be hoped and be-
lieved that the opening of the new ports,
better harvests, a quieter state of the
country, improved trading facilities and
a pleaser understanding in regard to
these, will not be without some beneficial
effects upon the trade during the year on

which we have just entered. With the
exception perhaps of the settlement of the
Anna affair, foreigners, or at all events
those who are interested in the China
trade, can scarcely be congratulated on
any one of the events of the last twelve
months. The Chefoo Convention is cer-
tainly not viewed with much favour.
As to the Wongsung Railway, the future
of that spirited enterprise is, at the present
moment, clouded in the greatest doubt and
uncertainty, so far as it is seen outside
the circle of Chinese diplomats. No
foreigner is able to say whether the
Railway will have ceased to be in existence
before the end of the year, or whether it
will have entered on a new lease of life
and activity under Chinese auspices.
All we know is that it will become
the absolute property of the Chinese
Government by purchase next autumn, and
that they will have full power to carry
it on or stop it as they please. We
should have been better satisfied had
there been no prospect of its passing
out of the possession of the Company;
still it is quite possible that at the end of
the term the Chinese will continue to
carry it on, and let us trust, extend the
system to other parts of the country.
The foolish and ruinous war in the north-
west seems as far from a termination as
ever. One or two glowing accounts of
successes that have fallen to the Imperial
arms have appeared in the Peking Gazette,
but it is impossible to say with any
degree of certainty what is the state of
affairs in Kansuh at the present time,
and the Chinese army may now be
as near disaster as triumph. Under
any circumstances the war can never
furnish the Chinese Government with
much cause for satisfaction. The per-
secution of the native Christians in the
country can no doubt be traced to the
animosity of the literati to the new
religion, and partly, perhaps, to the
machinations of the Secret Societies.
These persecutions, which in some cases
took the form of diabolical attempts to
slay, are happily now almost subsided.
To the Secret Societies is also generally
ascribed the arousing of the incredible
excitement, which visited now one part
of the country and then another, with
respect to "paper-men" and other
monstrosities. The origin of this excite-
ment and its objects can, however, be
scarcely stated in a positive manner, but
it is pretty certain that it was directed
against the native Christians as well as
against the reigning dynasty. The Go-
vernment evidently recognises in these
societies a great danger to itself, and has
lately made fresh efforts to suppress
them. What with empty coffers, the
ruinous war in the North-west, the hos-
tile Secret Societies, the famines arising
from the short crops, China is in a very
sorry condition indeed, and one little
misadventure might at any moment prove fatal
to the present occupant of the Dragon
Throne and set the whole country in a
blaze. Japan has had one serious trou-
ble during the year, namely, the rebellion
which originated at Kumamoto in Oc-
tober last, but her Government are to be
congratulated on another event of per-
haps equal importance, inasmuch as it
saved the country from a war. We
allude to the amicable settlement of the
Korean difficulty on the 27th February,
when a treaty of commerce and friend-
ship was signed between the two coun-
tries. There was an immense conflagra-
tion at Tokio a few weeks ago, in which
some nine or ten thousand houses were
burnt to the ground; but on the whole,
good crops and a revival for a period at
all events of the trade at the chief ports
has rendered the year a fairly prosper-
ous one for Japan.

In Hongkong we have had no great
calamity such as that in 1874, or great
windfall to chronicle. Trade has re-
mained in the depressed state it was at
the advent of the year; it has perhaps
got a little worse, although at the present
time it is somewhat singular that
money is tight and seems to command
a remunerative rate of interest. No
doubt the trade here appears to be in a
worse condition than it really is through
a much greater proportion of it than
formerly being in the hands of the Chi-
nese, and we fear that that proportion
will gradually continue to increase.
However an improvement of trade in
China means an improvement of trade in
Hongkong, and therefore we must hope
that the opening of the new ports, better
crops, a quieter state of the country and
so on, will have the beneficial results we
have previously indicated. The other
chief events in Hongkong during the year
have been the announcement of the re-
moval in a few weeks of Sir Arthur
Kennedy to Queensland, and the ap-
pointment of Mr. John Pope Hennessy
to the post he vacates as Governor of this
Colony. Sir Arthur has been a popular
Governor here, and his departure will be
viewed with very considerable regret.
Of his successor we have heard a great
deal, and we must confess that the news
of his appointment as the successor of Sir
Arthur Kennedy has not awakened
a large amount of enthusiasm in
Hongkong, but for all that we are quite
sure the community here will have the
good sense to judge of the new Governor
as they find him. He is at all events a
gentleman of great energy, learning and
ability—qualities extremely valuable in
a Governor. Perhaps the only other
local events worth noting here, in this
brief review, are the appointment of
Mr. C. B. Plunket to the post of
Registrar of the Supreme Court, rendered
vacant by the death of the Mr. W. H.
Alexander; the appointment of Mr.
Phillippo to the office of Attorney General
upon the transference of Mr. Bramston
to the Colonial Office; and the C. O.
Whitmore case, the particulars of which
are so well known to our readers that
we need not recapitulate them.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Khiva reports very severe weather
outside.

The S. S. Norma has gone over to
Cosmopolitan Docks to clean and paint.

We are informed that the O. S. S.
steamer Menelaus, left Singapore for
port to-day.

Two cases before the Summary Jurisdiction
Court to-day were of a trivial nature, and
were chiefly between Chinese litigants.

Amongst the passengers arrived to-day per
steamer Khiva will be noticed the name of
the Hon. Mr. Philippo, the new Attorney
General for Hongkong.

The Flying Squadron had been ordered to
leave Singapore en route to Plymouth on
the 26th Dec. The Straits papers speak of
a ball, and mention that a cricket match
had been arranged for.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the
"Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan,
the Philippines, &c.," published at the
Daily Press office.

The British barque Unanima reports hav-
ing experienced very heavy weather off the
Cape of Good Hope, when she had her
skylight stove in and cables filled with
water.

We are requested to call the attention of
Mercantile houses to the fact that Con-
tinental Post Offices will not deliver
Patterns exceeding 6 ounces in weight, but
return them to the Office of origin. Simi-
larly Books for the Continent of Europe
must not exceed two pounds weight.

This maximum temperature at the Pe-
king during the past week, as recorded in Sat-
urday's Gazette, was 82.5, the minimum 47,
at the Harbour-Master's Office, the maxi-
mum was 68.0, and the minimum 53.0.
No rain fell during the week.

At the Marine Court to-day Wilhelm
Roquist and Frederick Monilla, seamen
belonging to the Danish barque J. H. Lov,
were charged with being drunk and assault-
ing the Captain (F. S. Hansen). The
assault was sworn to by the Captain,
and corroborated by the 2nd Mate (W.
Wakeman); and the defendants, who state
in their defence that they only wanted to
money to go on shore and could not get
more than each sentenced to 3 days' im-
prisonment with hard labour.

A FIRE of a somewhat serious nature
occurred in Canton on the night of the
December last. The scene of the con-
flagration was one of the wealthiest in
Western suburb. The origin of the
fire was supposed to be incendiary, occur-
ing as it did in a shop which had been
vacated as an opium-smoking den.

more than ten houses were consumed;
among them were three well-known
living houses. No lives were lost,
the families of the respectable Chi-
nese living in this neighbourhood were
alarmed. In the case of one aristocratic
house, there happened to be a coffin
containing the remains of a deceased relative,
and on the alarm being given, those in the
house were placed in a most anxious state
of mind for the safety of the coffin, which
was removed before any other property was
looked after.

According to the Indian papers the salu-
tary Delhi next New Year's Day in honour
the Empress of India is to be fired for
608 guns in salutes of six simultaneous
and as the Proclamation is to be read
the open air, some apprehensions are enter-
tained lest the assemblage may be deluged
with rain brought on by the firing of
many cannon. There seems to be a
doubt that heavy and continuous cannon
firing is a powerful "medicine" for making
rain, as the annuals of war prove, and it
surprising that in times of drought that
never occurs to Government to utilise this
well-known scientific fact in order to also
prevent or mitigate famines. It
would certainly have been more economi-
cal, for the Indian Government to have
burnt any quantity of powder in the
famine districts of the Madras and Bombay
Presidencies in order to prevent the
failure of the crops, than to be spending
now lacs upon lacs to save natives from
starvation.

Those Members of the Bar who are now
present in Singapore (says the Singapore Times)
paid a tribute to his Lordship, the Acting
Chief Justice, Philippo, as this was the
last day he would meet the Bar. The
Court was closed about 2 o'clock and the
Attorney General, before the Court rose,
addressing his Lordship as representing the
unqualified and unanimous sentiments of all
the members, both present and absent said
"they regretted the loss, which the Mem-
bers of the Bar, and the public too, will
sustain in the retirement of his Lordship
from Singapore, and in bidding him fare-
well, he offered him the warm and
heartfelt respects and wishes of all for his
future prosperity, and promotion in the
profession. The address will no doubt be
printed in full. His Lordship briefly re-
plied. "Mr. Attorney General and gentle-
men, I am gratified at the manner in which
you have expressed yourselves; I am sure
you have spoken in too flattering a way,
and given expressions to sentiments which
I am not quite worthy.

you as a perfect stranger and when I met you on the beach, for the first time I hoped to work harmoniously, and you were equally concerned to maintain the dignity of the Bench. I must say, that both in Singapore and in Peking this our mutual understanding has been well kept; I have done my best, and if I have succeeded in gaining this good-will on your part, I leave the Colonel with the esteem and respect of all I have had to deal with. I have in every instance, while free to oblige you, yet endeavoured to keep up the dignity of the Bench.

SAD ACCIDENT ON BOARD H. M. S. "NEWCASTLE."

The Singapore Times has the following, in its issue of 20th ult.:

"We regret to announce, that by a deplorable accident on board H. M. S. Newcastle, while on her voyage from Hongkong, Mr. Wingfield, a midshipman, and three sailors were drowned. It appears that one of the sailors whilst engaged in hauling in the log accidentally fell overboard, and Mr. Wingfield, who was looking on, jumped overboard to his assistance but to no avail and both sank. In the endeavour to rescue them, two sailors were drowned, thus making a loss of four lives. The sea was rather rough at the time and the vessel was going at a good speed."

It would appear that there are some circumstances connected with this most unfortunate accident which call for some explanation. Private advices from Singapore imply that some difference of opinion exists (to use no stronger term) as to whether or not everything was done on board the Newcastle that might have been done to save the drowning officer and men. If there is the slightest ground for doubting that the utmost efforts were put forth to effect the rescue of the gallant fellows who have met their death while endeavouring to save another, that is a matter which will be certain to receive full investigation. Our contemporary at Singapore throws no light whatever on the subject. The version of the affair we have received says that on the 13th a petty officer named Miles, while heaving the log, by some means fell overboard—the ship then (at 8 p.m.) going about 8 knots. A midshipman named Wingfield at once jumped overboard to help Miles, and was followed by two seamen, while a life-buoy was let go. By the time the ship was holed to and a boat lowered, the vessel would be about a mile and a quarter from the spot where the accident took place. To tow back this distance against wind and sea would have probably taken an hour, as the boat was undermanned, two of her crew having been pulled out in lowering. At the same time the sea is described as having been "not very bad," the temperature of the water was 81 degrees, and the three noble fellows who sprang to the rescue are spoken of as the best swimmers in the ship. This being so, considerable surprise is said to have been felt on board when Captain Douglas recalled the boat within half an hour of its despatch; and upon its return (about 1½ hour after the accident) gave orders to resume the voyage. Our correspondent even says that one of the officers suggested to the Captain the advisability of beating back, and that the suggestion was unfavourably received. The three swimmers are said by good authorities to have been men well able to keep afloat for six hours; and poor Wingfield was last seen tying a life-collar round Miles' neck and blowing it out. This sad affair has cast a gloom over the ship, and general regret was felt in Singapore that so much that was unsatisfactory hung about the whole business. We sincerely trust that a very different account may yet be given of the accident, explaining some of the circumstances which at present seem to be so inexplicable. One of the poor fellows drowned named Heck had already got a Humane Society's medal and clasp.

(L. & O. Express, Nov. 24.)

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer Tonquin, 3,600 tons, and 2,416 net tonnage, now building at their yard at La Ciotat, is in a forward state, and will be ready to launch in January, completing her fitting in time to proceed from Marseilles to China in July. The *Songkoi*, a steamer of similar size, now on the stocks, will probably be ready by the end of next year. In the course of a report upon the trade of Canton for the year 1876, Sir Brooke Robertson, H.M. Consul at Canton, calls prominent attention to the abuse of weighty shirtings with what is termed "heavy rising." He points out that the *ruse* is now perfectly understood by the Chinese, and is as a loss to understand why it is persevered in.

The subjoined appointments, to relieve these officers whose term of service on the China Station has expired, are gazetted:—The *Grouper*, Commander C. E. D. Wilcox (1870); Assistant Paymaster B. B. Saville (1873); to the *Hornet*, Assistant Paymaster L. C. Hodder (1873); to the *Midg*, Assistant Paymaster R. P. Hawkshaw (1870); to the *Sydney*, Lieutenant O. P. Tindor, (1866), in command; Assistant Paymaster W. H. W. Markham (1876).

It is announced that another Japanese officer has been entered on board the *Audacious*, Vice Admiral Byrd's flagship on the China Station. The number of foreigners serving under the British flag has been greatly reduced of late; and at the present time there are only six, all of whom, with one exception, that of a Swede, are Japanese.

It is announced that the head-quarters of the 80th Regiment will for the present remain in the Straits Settlements, and only a wing will go to Mauritius. It is believed the head-quarters will, however, be withdrawn to the Cape eventually, the regiment for plying its tour of foreign service there.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.) January 2, 1877.

PETTY THEFT.

Chang Aohew, a coolie, was caught in the act of stealing some empty soda-water bottles which were in a box on the Canton steamer wharf, the same having been sent down from Canton yesterday. The defendant was sent to 21 days' hard labour and to be kept in the stocks for two hours at the wharf.

BREACH OF THE PEACE.

Yow Aning and another, hawkers, were brought up for fighting at West Point. It appeared that the 2nd defendant had been previously held on a rule of bail in \$50 to be of good behaviour for six months. As he had committed himself now, his bond was ordered to be estreated, and the 1st defendant was fined 25 cents.

LARCENY.

Chow Ask, a carpenter, was observed leaving a house in Saiyongpoo with some clothing which did not belong to him. The defendant was sent to six weeks' hard labour.

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.) London, Dec. 11.—Lord Salisbury had an audience of the Sultan on Saturday, and was cordially received.

The French crisis continues. The Republic majority insist on the formation of a Cabinet from the Left; and Marshal McMahon is unwilling to agree to this.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The first informal meeting of the Conference was held at the Russian Embassy yesterday. A more confident feeling prevails concerning the result.

Calcutta, Dec. 13.—The case of Hogg vs. Wilson commenced on Monday. The prosecutor's case closed to-day. The jury intimated that they did not wish to hear any further evidence regarding the mode in which the Municipal elections had been conducted.

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—At the Conference yesterday, General Ignatieff being president, a conciliatory disposition was manifested on all sides, but proceedings are kept secret.

As soon as bases of agreement are settled, the Ottoman delegates will assist in the deliberations.

Paris, Dec. 13.—French Ministry remodelled after a Radical form.—M. Jules Simon becomes Premier and Minister of Justice, whilst other offices remain unchanged.

Thus the conflict between Marshal McMahon and members of the Left, which once threatened to become serious, is ended. Calcutta, Dec. 15.—The case of Hogg vs. Wilson was concluded yesterday. (This was the case in which Sir Stuart Hogg, late Chairman of the Municipality charged Mr. James Wilson, proprietor and editor of the *Indian Daily News*, with libel, said to be contained in certain articles written and published by the latter, imputing the action of the former in connection with the recent Municipal elections.) After the Judge's summing up, the jury twice retired, and ultimately gave a unanimous verdict in favor of the defendant, adding that the law manner in which the recent elections were conducted gave a sufficient colour of unfairness towards the defendant to lead them to believe that he wrote the articles in good faith.

Mr. Wilson was loudly cheered on leaving the Court. Constantinople, Dec. 14.—The absence of the Ottoman delegates from the preliminary sittings of the Conference is causing discontent at Constantinople.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Congress has passed a bill for the coinage of silver dollars weighing 412½ grains as legal tender, unless gold is specially stipulated.

Addresses from the Democratic and Republican National Committees each announce the election of Tilden and of Hayes.

The ultimate decision rests with the Congress in February.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

H.B.M.'s *Charybdis* has arrived with the *Lapwing*, having accomplished the passage from the Gulf of Pechili with apparently little difficulty. The hull of the *Lapwing* is somewhat damaged, and it is expected she will go into dock in a few days.

On Christmas Day, some benevolent Chinese forwarded to the Central Police Station, for distribution by Mr. Penfold, 2,000 padded cotton jackets. The only restriction accompanying the gift was that the jinrikisha runners should be first served, and hundreds of these were supplied the same afternoon. The distribution of the surplus was left to Mr. Penfold's discretion.

We mentioned, a few days ago, that Mr. Davenport had gone overland to Chinkeang, with the object of ascertaining that the proclamations, announcing the settlement of the Yunnan case, were posted in accordance with the stipulation. It is satisfactory to learn that they were found properly exhibited everywhere; both inside and outside the town, and at conspicuous places in the large thoroughfares in the country. Some were simply posted on the walls, but the greater part were on boards, which are hung up during the day and carried in at night.

The German barque *Pallas*, which arrived yesterday (Dec. 28th) from Sydney, grounded in the river at Woolwich at 8 a.m. on the 26th, and was unable to get off on the three subsequent tides. She sustained no damage.

The new stern-wheel steamer *Packong*, built by Messrs. Farman and Co., was taken another trial trip yesterday (Dec. 28th). She left the Old Dock at 11 o'clock in the forenoon with a small company of gentlemen on board, the route taken was up the river, and in an hour and seventeen minutes a point called Saikong was reached, the distance completed being computed at about twenty miles. This, of course, makes her speed about fifteen miles an hour. She was then turned round and made an equally successful return passage, arriving alongside the Wharf shortly before two o'clock.

Two very beautiful windows have been placed in the South side of the Cathedral in memory of the late Robert Reid, Esq. M.P. They represent "Joseph making himself known to his Brethren," and are

erected by Messrs. Lavers, Barrand, and Westlake, of Endell Street, London. In richness of colour and simplicity of design these windows have no rivals in the Cathedral. They have the genuine warm tint of ancient glass, which modern workers so long despaired of attaining; and the expressions of the faces are varied and admirable. The inscription reads as follows:—"To the Glory of God, and in affectionate remembrance of Robert Reid, M.P., late of Shanghai. Deceased 30th March, 1875. This window is erected by his brother David."

A gentleman who has lately passed down the Grand Canal, writes that the refugees from the North of the River seem to be comfortably housed at, or rather outside of, Changchow and Soochow. They do not seem to have been very hardily pressed by starvation, as they had their winter clothes on their backs and their women and children with them; and in bad times the Chinese pawn the first and are apt to sell the latter. There can be no doubt, of course, that the scarcity must have been very severe before they were driven to migrate in such numbers, but they appear to have taken time by the forelock, and set out before they were driven to extremity. At Soochow and Changchow the immigrants are living in clean-looking mat-sheds, neatly put up, arranged, and ticketed, and seem well contented. Altogether, the arrangements appeared creditable to the provincial administration.

The Consul-General for the United States notifies that, on and after the 13th February next, on Leken taxes shall be levied upon foreign imports within the limits of the foreign Settlements. This affirms the stipulation in Article I. of the Trade Section of the Chefoo Convention, with the difference, however, that it is understood the Ministers now at Peking do not accept the converse principle admitted by Sir Thomas Wade, that Leken may be levied elsewhere. We only hope they see their way to defeating the levy; that is where the difficulty comes in.

The limitation of the period within which drawback may be claimed, to three years, as stipulated in Clause V. of the Convention, is also agreed to, with the concession, however, understood to have been gained by Mr. Von Brandt—that drawback certificates shall be payable in cash if the holder wishes, and not only be available for payment of duties as heretofore.

(Courier.)

A Chinaman committed suicide in the city the other morning in a most strange and clumsy manner. Being opposed in a love suit, he matched up a knife and cut his throat across, in a fit of pique; then, to the horror of the neighbours, rushed out into the streets, a terrible object, and eventually fell headlong into a pond, where he died.

We are informed on undoubted authority that a party of a dozen (or friends met this Christmas in Shanghai, who, being mostly old residents in China had the curiosity to reckon up their several terms of sojourn in the country; and that the aggregate was found to amount to no less than 256 years, giving to each an average of over 22 years. Seven of the party averaged 31 years each, six 33 years, and five 34 years; and we are happy to be able to add that the veterans are all enjoying the best of health.

A good deal of difficulty still crops up from time to time with native couriers, etc., in the interior. Some months ago a courier carrying packages from our office to Soochow and Kweichow was waylaid, beaten and robbed, because it was known that he was in possession of foreign papers; and now we hear that between Hankow and Chungking there are perpetual interruptions. These are believed to occur principally at Kwei Fu, where, we are informed, a very anti-foreign individual, noted for his obstructiveness, has been placed in charge of the *liken* office. There seems to be still great dissatisfaction in Yunnan, all the officials there expressing themselves much mortified at the results of the Chefoo Convention, particularly those clauses which concede the right of establishing commercial intercourse with that province and Burma. The affair had been left so long in abeyance that they thought themselves safe from molestation, having come to the conclusion that they were utterly unable to enforce our rights. The only regret to our mind is that these "rights" should have been mentioned in any Treaty whatever. They are self-existent and pre-existent, and stand far above all Treaty stipulations; or, rather, they constitute part of the only basis upon which Treaties can be concluded and international relations carried on. This is one of the first elements of the diplomatic gospel, and we shall never tire of preaching it.

HANKOW.

The Hankow Market Report says there has been very little demand for foreign manufactures during the past fortnight, and quotations are quite nominal, the only business reported having been the sale of 500 pieces Grey Jeans at Tls. 1.48.—A good business has been passing in Cotton, but advices from the interior not being so satisfactory, a decline has taken place for common and medium qualities of over one cent per picul, and the demand is slack.—*N. O. Daily News.*

PEKING.

The Peking Gazette of the 11th December contains a decree appointing two new members to the Yamen of Foreign Affairs, in the person of Li Hung-tao, President of the Board of Works, and King-lin, the chief of the Censorate, these two high functionaries being at the same time members of the Grand Council of State, and the only two members of that body who have not hitherto been associated with the department of Foreign Affairs. Their appointment is presumably made in connection with the vacancies caused by the death of Wen siang in May last and the recent departure of Kwong Sungtao for Europe.

In the same Gazette a decree appears deploring the death of Ching-shih, in the post of Military Governor of Shekging; and his brother, Ching-how, left Peking on the following day to succeed him at Moukden.—*N. O. Daily News.*

KWANG-SU.

Kwai-yang Fuh, 30th Nov., 1876. Since my last we have heard of an insurrection in Kwang-si, and now we hear of troubles at the Kwel-fuh Customs, and Leki barrier in Sze-chuan. It was also

quietly rumoured last week that H. I. Majesty Kwang-si had died of some dreadful disease or other cause. It is probable that the report of trouble in Kwang-si is true, but the rest may be only the false reports set afloat by members of secret societies. From Ky-chow, a chow city about 160 li from here, we learn that the people have seized the Che-chow, or Magistrate, and are bringing him here as a prisoner for having unlawfully levied or imposed an extra amount of Grain tax. The Military examinations which commenced on the 19th instant are nearly ended, and everything is going on very quietly. The local issue of the Peking Gazette not having yet appeared there is a good demand for the *Shingpau*, as people are anxious to know the results of the "Chefoo Conference." Mining operations are again at a standstill for the want of capital and genuine enterprise.—*Shanghai Courier.*

THE LATE RIOTS AT SINGAPORE.

(Singapore Times.)

On Saturday 44 of the rioters were tried before Captain Walshe at the Police Court and of these 17 were sentenced to 8 months' rigorous imprisonment and 30 stripes with a rattan each. Five of these were declared by the Colonial Surgeon unfit to receive the latter punishment, and 27 of the prisoners were sentenced to 4 months' rigorous imprisonment each, and solitary confinement during the last week in each month.

On Saturday and yesterday (Dec. 17th) business was suspended at Ellengburgh Market and many provision shops were closed to the inconvenience of many, and as a proclamation, issued doubtless by the leaders of the riots was posted near the market advising that provisions should not be sold to the "Barbarians," Mr. Read, Mr. Pickering and other gentlemen went to the market dealers and the shopkeepers to induce them to resume business and the reply given was that if the towkays who were then confined in the police station were released, the shops would be reopened and business resumed in the market.

This impudent request was properly resented by the authorities by sending twelve of the towkays on board the Colonial steamer *Philo*, there to be kept in the harbour until all signs of rioting or disobedience shall have disappeared. In consequence, Mr. Douglas, the Colonial Secretary, summoned a number of towkays to meet him at the Police Office yesterday afternoon, and he informed them of the intention of the Government and warned all the Chinese dealers to open their shops else if they continued disobedient, the consequences to them would be serious. Mr. Pickering, who deserves great credit for the indefatigable manner he has acted during these riots, translated Mr. Douglas's remarks to the traders. Afterwards the Colonial Secretary accompanied by all the unofficial members of Council visited the towkays in custody, and informed them of the decision of the Government, which intelligence they received with surprise and to enable them to send letters to their friends. There is nothing like a farm or any such business. Now, to-day, some wicked men have been circulating placards to excite and deceive you people; do not believe them and all will be well.

This notice informs you that if any person will give information to lead to the arrest of the people who wrote or circulated the placard in question, the Inspector General will give him a reward of \$200; there will be no eating of words. Singapore, 13th Dec. 1876. 10th moon 28th day.

Afterwards the following proclamations were posted:—

NOTICE FROM ALL SINGAPORE KONGSIS.

"Riches and wealth are things men desire, poverty and meanness are what men dislike. These things are settled by Heaven, how can people get them by seeking. The sages have said 'A virtuous man desiring wealth will get it according to justice, so that he may not be ashamed. We hear that lately one or two rascals with covetous desires and disregarding justice have been with the ruler of Singapore and with fair speeches and intriguing plans have established a post office intending to begin gradually and to go on to a great depth. They intend to oppress the Chinese in their private gains. To rich men this does not matter, but truly it is cheating the poor people. We have come to these barbarous tribes, is it not because our families are poor and can scarcely pass the day over for want of food? Is it not that to feed our wives and children we have left our relatives and come here to labour and carry and to trade a little for profits which are sent to them to assist their urgent necessities? 'Fish Tui year 10th Moon, 26th day, we know that since the English Barbarians established themselves in Singapore their rules have for a long time been very benevolent to the subjects. Not like some of our Chinese, one or two of whom are red hats, degenerate fellows of a completely oppressive nature, reckless without any regard to the right. Their own rule is making money, they boldly intruded and worked on the prices of Singapore and secretly with cunning formed a conspiracy to farm the post office farm. This truly is a course that will prevent us from having very good fortune. This will injure and destroy the living of the people and produce misery beyond description.

"As for you who wish to establish this post office, may your wife and daughter be dressed in finery and placed at the door for men to buy, laugh at and for the use of every lawful person. If not this, then let them die at once. Now after reading this paper, any not feeling his fierce feelings rise has not the principles of a man and if the man who wished to assist in the business does not now change his intention and try to stop it, he is no man. All people reading this must reverently feel grieved and be sorely determined and then it will be well.

Queong See 2nd year 10th moon 28th day, 14th December.

The following was posted in town yesterday:—

"Our firm has only received the order of the Government Postmaster-General to collect letters at Singapore, Penang and Malacca for transmission to the Chinese ports, Amoy and Swatow, this is for the benefit of all, and we dare not do anything that would disappoint your hopes and expectations. On the 30th of the present moon, that is 15th December, 1876, we shall open our office in Market Street, Singapore, if any gentlemen wish to send letters you will send them to our office made up in the usual form and they will be forwarded or answers will be returned in the quickest and most speedy manner. There will be no falling on our part. If people persist

in secretly forwarding letters, they will when found out be strictly examined and dealt with according to law.

"Besides this we have received permission from the Govt. to carry money letters off, and our firm dare guarantee to transfer against any loss or mistake on transmission. Every thing will be done on the most thorough manner for the mutual benefit of all. Any hon'ble gentleman wishing to remit money may do it through our office, and the scale of fees for money letters is clearly set forth below for general information. We hope our customers will rejoice the hearts of their friends at home in the various villages by remitting largely. As every charge for distributing the letters to the various towns and hamlets is borne by our office and we shall deliver every sum without the deduction of a single cash we trust, we hope, that all our friends wishing to send letters will make up their letters in the usual manner and not make them too bulky. The above tariff will be charged and no more, we dare not ask for more. We have thus explained everything very minutely that there may be no mistake. Amoy Branch CHION WANG.

Chop KAY CHEE HANG.

Trading from LIOK CHEE HANG.

Swatow, Dec. 11th, 1876. The following proclamation was extensively posted on the 13th, two days before the disturbances:—

THE MEN OF CANTON AND HOKKIAN. "If any honest or virtuous man will out off the head of the Post Office Farmers they will be rewarded with 100 taels.

"The ancients said, 'Rules that exist do not establish.' Any laws that are of benefit to the people then they are according to the righteous principle. The saying is 'the family which lays up a store of goodness must have an abundance of happiness; that which lays up a store of wickedness must receive an abundance of misery.' The rules of heaven are clear; you cannot neglect them in the least. Though you may do wicked things without men seeing, three feet above your heads are the intelligent spirits.

"The perfect man wished to assist and succour the miserable. The ancients said 'when the hare is killed the fox sympathizes, he would not hurt his species.' If the wild animals understand justice how much more he who is at the head of all creatures. But he is worse than the animals. Now some of your intelligent ones have imposed on the Barbarian prince and intrigued to farm the Post Office just for their own private interest. Surely they do not know the righteousness of Heaven thus to hurt and injure us Chinese for the benefit of barbarians. What kind of righteousness is this! Truly this can be called regarding profit and forgetting justice."

The police having discovered the posting of the foregoing, issued the following in Chinese, and which was posted throughout the town:—

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE OFFICE.

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"Yesterday some red halred (English) Merchants with Chinese traders went about earnestly begging the people to open their shops and to continue trade. But until these Post Office Farmers have been dragged out and their heads cut off, no warning to all men, we shall not be satisfied and shall cherish revenge in our hearts."

"Last night the men of the two Provinces met in assembly and bound themselves that to day all will combine with united heart and strength to exterminate these Post Office Farmers, their wives and families by bringing them out and out off their heads and thus calm the mind of the towns people."

"If any brave and heroic gentlemen will arrest them and conduct them to be cut off by the roots, truly all of us people will feel under a deep debt of gratitude. This Notice is issued by the Kongsoes of the two Provinces."

One of the twelve towkays accused of being concerned in instigating the late riots was this morning removed from on board the *Philo*, and placed on board the M. S. *Meikong* by which he will be taken to Hongkong, to which port his passage has been paid. He was sentenced to deportation and he will not be permitted to enter these Settlements again. His name is Lim Ah Tye, and he is the head of the Teo Chew Branch of the Ghee Hin Secret Society. It has not yet been decided what course shall be adopted with the eleven towkays, who have this afternoon been removed from on board the *Philo* to the Central Police Station, but as the evidence against them in regard to instigating the riots is not so conclusive as in the instance of Lim Ah Tye, the Government it is supposed must be content with requiring them to find recognisances in large amounts for their future good conduct. The town is now perfectly quiet and no more of those absurd proclamations have been posted, but rumours are afloat that a riot between the Secret Societies is not improbable.

Ten of the towkays who were removed from on board the *Philo* yesterday afternoon were shortly afterwards brought before the magistrate and were ordered to enter into recognisances themselves in \$3,000 each and two sureties in \$5,000 each, as a guarantee for their future good conduct. One towkay, Leah Koo Seng, will be brought up to-day to answer a charge of rioting in Market Street on the day of the disturbances.

COMMERCIAL.

December 31.

The receipts of Bengal Opium, during the closing month, show an aggregate of 3,289 chests, against 3,303 chests in the corresponding month of last year. The total of receipts during the last quarter of the closing year shows 9,661 chests, against 8,682 chests in the corresponding quarter last year; whilst the grand total for the closing year is 37,533 chests, against 35,329 chests in 1876.

Adding the month's receipts to the stock brought forward, there appears a total of 4,639 chests; and as the available supply on date is given at 1,850 chests, a quantity of 2,789 chests has thus been taken off, of which 1,500 chests have been taken by the local consumers and 1,289 chests exported. Comparing these figures with those of previous December, they show that the receipts of the month and the previous stock gave a total of 3,703 chests; and as the month closed with a stock of 850 chests, a quantity of 2,853 chests had been taken off of which 1,350 chests were taken by the local consumers, and 1,503 chests exported.

The fluctuation in the rate of Patna this December has been to the extent of \$25, and in that for Benares \$15. It should be noted, however, that this fluctuation was chiefly owing to that in the rate of exchange. The fluctuation last December was to the extent of \$40 and \$35 for the respective kinds, which was owing to causes other than that stated for the fluctuation in this December.

The drug has been supplied cheaper this December; Patna from \$33 to \$25, and Benares from \$43 to \$25 per chest.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, Jan. 2, 1877.

OPPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$585 credit, 587½
" New Benares, cash, 580 credit, 582½
" New Malwa, cash, 555 credit, 560
" Allowance Tels, 45 & 58
" Old Malwa, cash, 570 credit, 575
" Allowance Tels, 32 & 45
CAMPOR, 20½ & 20½
SALTPETRE, 5.20 & 6.70
QUICKSILVER, 70½ & 71

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, 4/11
" 30 days' sight, 4/12
" 6 months' sight, 4/2
Credits, 4/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 4/2
Bombay, 225
Calcutta, 229
Shanghai, demand, 74½
" 30 days' sight, 75 & 76
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., 8½
Byrce, 7½
Mexican, 1½
Gold Leaf, 24.60
English Sovereigns, 4.88
Australian Sovereigns, 4.86
Discount, 12%

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 23%
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$687½
China Fire Ins. Co., \$188
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1700
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$850
Chinese Insurance Co., \$210
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 678
Yongtze Ins. Association, Tls. 529
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 45 dls.
H.K. & M. S. Dock Co., \$12 dls.
Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 67
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$52½ dls.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$98

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"KASHGAR," Captain BAKER, will leave
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at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
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Hongkong, December 27, 1876. j4d

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THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer "CITY OF
TOKIO," will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
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Ports, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

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of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of this
Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1876. j4b

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STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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THE S. S. "GALIC," will be de-
spatched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on THURSDAY, the 1st February,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

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Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on
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usual rates, subject to an immediate dis-
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Attention is invited to a considerable
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Life Policies effected during the year
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31st December for the quinquennial period
then ending.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, September 27, 1876.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.

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